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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJ: SOMALI AIRLINES' NEW INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

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1. AFTER TWO-WEEK DELAY CAUSED BY LATE DELIVERY OF BOEING 720-B, SOMALI AIRLINES INAUGURATED ITS NEW INTERNATIONAL SERVICES APRIL 15 WITH DEPARTURE NEW FLIGHT HH 500 TO ROME. (REFAIR DESCRIBES WEEKLY SERVICE TO ROME VIA JIDDA AND CAIRO, BI-WEEKLY SERVICE TO ROME VIA SANAA AND CAIRO, AND WEEKLY SERVICE TO ABU DHABI VIA SANAA.)

2. CHARGE PARTICIPATED ON LOCAL INAUGURAL VIP FLIGHT APRIL 14,
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WHICH FLEW SOUTHWEST TO CHISIMAIO AND OVERFLEW PORTIONS OF LOWER

JUBA BEFORE RETURNING TO MOGADISCIO VIA THE COAST. SOMALI OFFICIALS ABOARD INAUGURAL FLIGHT INCLUDED SOMALI VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION COL. ISMAIL ABOKAR. SOMALI OFFICIALS IMPRESSED BY EXCELLENT APPEARANCE AND CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT PLUS COMPETENCE OF BRITISH FLIGHT AND CABIN PERSONNEL.

3. MANAGER OF TEMPAIR, WHICH SUPPLIES THE NEW AIRCRAFT AND SERVICES TO SOMALI AIRLINES, BELIEVES THAT NEW ROUTES ARE UNLIKELY BREAK EVEN IN SHORT RUN, BUT HOPES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE NEGOTIATE RIGHTS TO LONDON. (EMBASSY HAS NO CONFIRMATION HIS STATEMENT THAT ALITALIA AND GOI ARE OPPOSING SOMALI APPLICATION FOR FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS FROM U.K.)

4. SOMALI AIRLINES PRESIDENT, HUSSEIN AW MOHAMUD MOHAMED,

TOLD CHARGE HE STILL HOPED PURCHASE A NEW OR USED ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT FROM BOEING FOR USE AS COMBINATION PASSENGER/FREIGHT TRANSPORT ON INTERNATIONAL ROUTES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNWILLING CONSIDER MORE THAN ONE SOMALI AIRLINE EXPANSION SCHEME AT PRESENT.
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